import of more than Rupee Twenty Five lakhs at CIF cost during the year 1990-91;

(b) what was the quantity and CIF value of their imports and what is the indication for which each is used;

(c) what were the major intermediates imported during the year 1990-91, what was their quantity and CIF value;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are sending the import statistics to administrative Ministry; and

(e) if so, when was the import statistics for the period 1989-90 and 1990-91 sent to Ministry of Chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Information for the year 1990-91 is not available.

(d) and (e) Information in this connection is collected from Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, as and when required.

Production of essential drugs

3063. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps are being taken following the recent delicensing of drug industry to ensure production of qualitative essential drugs and formulations including i|v fluids and other items like oxygen and gases used in operation theatres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): Sir, there has been no recent announcement on delicensing of drug industry. The Drug Policy is still under review.

Post Manufacturing Expenses

3064. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Secretary of his Ministry has observed in the Press interview published in Economic Times of 26th October, 1991 that bulk of Post Manufacturing Expenses go to the retailers and hence they have been restricted to 50 per cent of the incremental effect on ex-factory cost;

(b) what is the logic of defying statutory provision and what are the reasons for not getting the Trade Margins and mark ups studied from the cost branch of Ministry of Finance;

(c) what is the justification for arbitrary increase in Trade Commission and mark up without study; and

(d) what teps are being taken to rectify the anti-consumer act of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No statutory provision has been defied. Expertise of BICP, which is an expert body of Government on industrial costs and prices, is available to the Department.

(c) and (d) The position has been clarified in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1337 answered on 5.12.1991.

Suppression of Liabilities of M/s. Hoechst

3065. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1629 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of communications issued to M/s. Hoechst after receipt of Supreme Court Judgement in May, 1987 does not exceed Twenty;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are refusing to furnish details of these communications on account of nexus between the company and the authorities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the same nexus was responsible for supressing their liabilities and also on account of those members of Special Team who have been let off.

(d) what are the total number of communications addressed to M/s. Hoechst by Government and what are the details of each; and

(e) what is the total amount assessed upto 30th October, 1991 and what is the balance amount to be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) and (e) There is no intention, at all, of concealing facts in this regard. As already given in reply to various questions answered in the House, the recommendations of the Special Team have since been reviewed and the total liability of M/s. Hoechst has been tentatively fixed at Rs. 77.81 crores. The company has so far paid only Rs. 3.12 crores.

(d) A number of communications have been addressed to M/s. Hoechst seeking details regarding the opening stock, production, consumption, sale, closing stock and sale price of various bulk drugs and formulations for the period from 1981 till the date(s) of implementation of the respective price orders of the Government, issued under DPCO, 1987.

M/s. Glaxo's Case

3066. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 647 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) when the process of filling affidavits and counter affidavits was complete in M/s. Glaxo case;

(b) what steps were taken to file special leave petition in the Supreme Court against the stay granted by Delhi High Court;

(c) whether it is a fact that company did not provide data and details as directed by High Court;

(d) if so, what steps were taken to report back to High Court; and

(e) what are the grounds and conditions on which stay was granted and what are the directions given to the company and Government on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Government's Counter-Affidavit against M/s. Glaxo's amendment to its Original Writ Petition was filed in the Delhi High Court on 3-4-1991. The hearings of the case have not yet commenced. As adready submitted, the case will be defended in the best public interest in accordance with the advice of the Government's legal experts.

Demand and supply gap of Nitrogenous and Phosphatic Fertiliser

3067. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand and supply gap of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertiliser is projected to become substantial during the next five years through the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the year-wise projected demand and supply gap; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange needed to finance the import of fertiliser during these years of shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The estimates of year-wise consumption and production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers (including production from the projects in